



Docket No. 1948-4541

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Jean GAUTIER

Group Art Unit: 2834

Serial No.: 09/149,424

Examiner: K. Tamai

Filed: September 8, 1998

For: A SUPPORT PLINTH FOR A POWER DIODE IN A MOTOR VEHICLE  
ALTERNATOR

AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Covered by Previous Payments	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims*	17 -	20	0	\$18.00/ \$9.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	5 -	5	0	\$80.00/ \$40.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	(If claims added by amendment include Multiple Dependent Claim(s) and there was no Multiple Dependent Claim(s) in application before amendment add \$270.00 to additional fee (\$135 for small entity).)				
					<b>TOTAL</b> \$ 0.00

\*Includes all independent and single dependent claims and all claims referred to in multiple dependent claims. See 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c).

Small entity status is or has been claimed.  
Reduced Fees Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) paid herewith \$

Charge fee to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. \_\_\_\_\_. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this amendment, including all fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17 for its timely consideration, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1948-4541. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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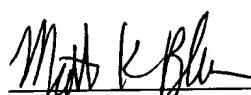
Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.825(b) that the computer and paper copies of the substitute Sequence Listing are the same.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: August 8, 2001

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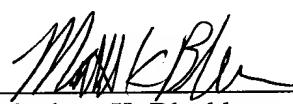
1. Amendment After Final Under 37 CFR 1.116 (6 pages);
2. Amendment Fee Transmittal (No Fee Due) (2 pages);
3. Petition for 2 Months' Extension of Time (2 pages);
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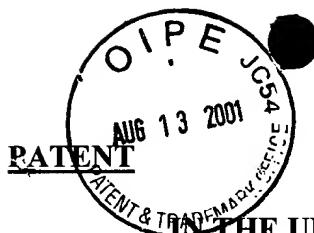
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated March 8, 2001. No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by this Amendment. If any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account no. 13-4500 (Order No. 1948-4541).

Please amend the claims as follows:

**In the Claims:**

5. (Twice Amended) An assembly comprising:

a diode having a casing and

a plinth welded to the diode casing, the plinth comprising (a) a plug portion adapted to be force-fitted into an aperture and defining an axis of the plinth, and (b) an abutment portion projecting with respect to the plug portion in a direction radial to said axis, wherein the plug portion has a smaller radius than the abutment portion.